

TEUTONIC DIPLOMAT HOPEFUL

Bernstorff Holds Conference with Lansing,
Discussing Possibility of Avoiding
Break and Changes Demanded
by U. S. in Sub Methods

NO LONG WAIT FOR BERLIN ANSWER

Note to Be Delivered by Gerard to German
Foreign Secretary this Afternoon;
Secret Message Received
from Washington

By United Press.
Washington, April 20.—Ambassador Bernstorff was in conference with Secretary Lansing for twenty minutes this morning, discussing the possibility of averting a diplomatic break between Germany and America and obtaining Lausung's views in regard to the steps necessary to be taken by Germany to bring her submarine operations into conformity with American interpretation of international law.

It is understood that Bernstorff was still hopeful following his conference and that he gave Secretary Lansing good reasons to show why the Sussex could not have been torpedoed during the pending negotiations. He pointed out that numerous conferences in Berlin would be necessary before the matter is settled.

Later Bernstorff said he did not think he would have to wait long for word from Berlin regarding the course of Germany toward the United States.

By United Press.
Berlin, April 20.—The United States embassy here received the last note from Washington on submarine operations this morning.

Ambassador Gerard expects to deliver the document to Foreign Secretary von Jagow this afternoon.

An important secret message was also received from Washington.

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Washington, April 20.—Ambassador Bernstorff was scheduled to visit the state department and confer with Secretary Lansing today regarding the grave situation which is believed to hold the most serious possibilities involving the friendly relations between Germany and the United States.

Bernstorff this morning was still hopeful of averting a break although the United States government has put the question of severing relations or modifying submarine operations squarely up to Germany.

Marines have been ordered to guard the German wireless stations at Tuckertown, N. J., and Sayville, L. I., which may be seized in the event of a break.

Count von Bernstorff already has reiterated to Secretary Lansing that under no circumstances will Germany give up her submarine as a weapon of warfare, because, she contends, it is a retaliation for Great Britain's food blockade. The ambassador has declared, however, that his government will attempt to bring submarine operations within the law of nations. This the United States is willing to discuss after Germany has abandoned her present methods—not before.

Against that possibility stands the declaration in the American note that the United States has considered from the first that the employment of submarines for destruction of commerce is by its very nature "utterly incompatible with the principles of humanity, the long established and incontrovertible right of neutrals and the sacred immunities of non-combatants."

Clearly the president's demand is that the use of the submarine shall be restricted to operations against warships. Upon that rock the friendly relations between the two countries may be rent.

The crisis now resolves itself into the waiting stage during which Germany will have opportunity to accede to the American demands. Before another week begins settlement of the long standing issue either will be assured or Count von Bernstorff probably will have his passports and Ambassador Gerard will be leaving Berlin.

PURE BRED STOCK SALE IS STARTED

Chickasha's first sale of registered short-horn cattle is in progress this afternoon. The sale is being conducted at the old Yellow Barn, Col. E. G. Hubbard, auctioneer, assisted by Auctioneers Ed Herritt, of Apache; Lefe Burger, of Wellington, Kansas; and Mr. Hurt, of Kingfisher. Roy C. Smith, of the Chickasha National Bank, is clerking the sale.

Between seventy and a hundred head of bulls, yearlings, cows and heifers are being offered for sale, all registered.

Stockmen from all over this section of Oklahoma, together with a number from other states, are here attending the sale. An incomplete register of early arrivals in Chickasha this morning shows the following: E. W. Harmon, Marshalltown, Iowa; F. O. Clark, Comanche; Tom Morton, of the Farmer and Stockman, Oklahoma City; A. B. Campbell, Geary; C. B. Campbell, Elgin; William M. Crowe, Portland, Oregon; S. R. Reeves, Lindsey; John Littrell, Foster; T. Ryan, Elgin; J. W. Kunkle, Pocomasset; R. M. Davis, Pocomasset; W. B. Graham, Rush Springs; F. H. Logsdon, Pocomasset; D. C. Murdock, Oklahoma City; Roy Henderson, Mayville; Tom Kearsse, Fort Cobb; J. L. Loder, Kirkland, Texas; John L. Smith, Bradley; Perry Davidson, Pocomasset; R. A. Henson, Fort Cobb; I. M. Clawson, Fort Cobb; Gerry Kloss, Fletcher; Roy Brown, Fort Cobb; Maxwell, Atoka; A. J. Maurer, Kansas City, Missouri; J. R. Whistler, Watonga; Dr. A. M. Marshall, Chandler; I. H. Keele, Ryan; M. S. Conn, Roosevelt; Charles Dunn, Lone Wolf; David Bond, Chickasha (R. F. D.); J. P. Smith, Chickasha (Route 6); Charles West, Anadarko; T. P. Southgate, Waunette; N. T. Miller, Waunette; A. B. Hunter, Oklahoma Farmer, Oklahoma City; H. W. Dunlap, Kingfisher; W. L. Davis, Lone Wolf; J. W. Dillworth, Fletcher; A. J. Howery, Fletcher; Alfred Hullum, Chickasha (Route 2); J. B. George, Elgin; J. A. Colyer, Fletcher; Orson Bailey, Sterling; W. T. Melton, Anadarko; Mrs. John Blackmore, Anadarko; J. E. Loney, Pocomasset; S. A. Forsythe, Cement; E. J. Klager, Norge; S. D. Johnson, Pocomasset; E. E. Alkire, Lindsey; J. E. Ware, Chickasha (Route 6); P. G. Mays, Mayville; O. R. Smith, Belle Plains, Kansas; J. H. Johnston, Oklahoma City and Amber; J. W. Hoover, Ninnekah.

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BONDS FOR BUILDING APPROVED

After long delay the bonds voted by the people of the Chickasha school district for the purpose of building a junior high school and for other school improvements, have finally received the official approval of the state legal department and the local board of education will proceed at once to push construction operations with a view to having the new building ready for use at the opening of the next school year in September.

Word was received from Oklahoma City this morning that Attorney General Freeling had stamped his approval on the bonds by affixing his signature to them and that they have been deposited in a bank at Oklahoma City. The bonds have already been sold and the purchasers are ready to take up \$16,000 worth of them at once and take up \$40,000 more the first of May, according to agreement entered into with the board of education. The remainder of the amount authorized by the voters will not be issued till a later date.

Plans for the building have been practically agreed upon by the board and final action on them will come soon, following which bids for construction will be called for and the contract let.

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RUSSIANS AID ALLIES IN FRANCE

Slav Forces Land at Marseilles; Number Unknown But Believed Large; Indications of Great Offensive Against Teutons

BRITISH CABINET CRISIS AVERTED

All Differences Settled; General Conscription Postponed Till Voluntary System Gets Another Trial; French Capture German Works

By United Press.

Paris, April 20.—It was announced today that Russian troops landed at Marseilles, France, today and will join the allies along the Franco-Flanders line.

This announcement was made simultaneously with the issuance of orders from Gen. Joffre extending to the Russians best wishes.

These are the first Russians in French service. Their number is not known but is believed to be large.

It is suggested that a great augmented offensive may be in process of preparation, with the Russians aiding, possibly around Verdun.

The route the Russians travelled is unknown. News of their arrival electrified Paris.

Cabinet Differences Adjusted.

By United Press.

London, April 20.—The cabinet crisis has been averted, all the differences having been settled.

The reported agreement provides for the postponement of general conscription for two weeks during which the voluntary system of enlistment will be given one more trial in raising men to meet the demands of the army.

Well informed persons here predict a certain break between Germany and America. The last United States note to Germany is expected to have a salutary effect on European countries that are wavering between the allies and the Teutons.

Capture British Trenches.

By United Press.

Berlin, April 20.—The Germans captured six hundred yards of British trenches between Ypres and Langemark, according to the statement issued by the war office here today.

It is also stated that the French were repulsed with heavy losses when they attacked in the Gallette woods northeast of Verdun. Intense artillery activity is reported in the Woerre region along the Meuse.

Message Pleases Paris.

By United Press.

Paris, April 20.—President Wilson's address to congress on the submarine question was applauded here, overshadowing the interest in the battle of Verdun today. Pro-American sentiment here is growing.

French Report Capture.

By United Press.

Paris, April 20.—The French captured fortified German works northwest of Vaux last night after a violent attack in which two hundred German prisoners were taken, according to official announcement made here today.

DISTURB RELIGIOUS WORSHIP IS CHARGE

Upon information filed by County Attorney Venable, Roy Helms was arrested and brought before Judge Davemport, of the county court, this morning charged with disturbing religious worship. The defendant was released in bonds in the sum of \$300 for his appearance in court on the first Monday in May.

The information charges the defendant with disturbing the assembly at Norge of the Chickasaw Baptist association, and the Sunday school convention of the B. Y. P. U., time Engineer Cravwell will possibly submit his estimate of the ditch. The proposed ditch will be approximately one and a quarter miles in length.

HIGH HONOR IS OFFERED TO MELTON

If he chooses to accept the appointment at the hands of Gov. Williams, Attorney Alger Melton, of this city, will be the successor of the late Judge Henry M. Furman as justice of the state criminal court of appeals.

Mr. Melton this morning confirmed a report current at the state capital that Gov. Williams had tendered the position to him. He declined to state whether he would accept it. "I have nothing at all to say in regard to the matter at this time," said he, "but I shall reach a decision concerning it within a few days."

Mr. Melton, although still a young man, has been recognized as one of the leaders of the Grady county bar for many years. With the exception of the office of city attorney to which he was elected during the early days in Chickasha, shortly after he began the practice of law here, and membership of the local board of education, he has never held public office. He was manager of the Williams campaign for governor and later was chosen as chairman of the Democratic state committee, a position which he still holds, and at the recent state convention he was nominated for presidential elector at large.

BIG SWATH IS MOWED BY TWISTER

By United Press.

Kansas City, Mo., April 20.—Dispatches received here from various points this morning report that ten persons were killed and at least one hundred injured by a tornado that cut wide swaths last night in south-eastern Kansas and southwestern and central Missouri.

The storm was particularly destructive around Iola and Fort Scott, Kansas, and Deepwater and Rich Hill, Missouri. Reports say Rhinehart, Missouri, was razed, thirty persons being injured.

The property damage was enormous. The telegraph and telephone wires are jumbled and details of the disaster are meagre. Six are reported to have been killed at Stover, Missouri; a woman and baby at Fort Scott; one person at Enterprise, Kansas, and one girl at Rich Hill.

CHECKING OF RECORD IS NEARLY COMPLETE

R. M. Nash, special representative of the state inspection department, has practically completed the work of checking up the accounts of the different offices of Grady county and has returned to Canadian county, where he was auditing the books of the officials before coming to Grady.

Mr. Nash will return to Grady county during the latter part of May to make the formal completion of his work. This last step requires the verification of the report which he has prepared with the records.

In his checking up to the time of leaving the county, the inspector brought down to date all accounts and files in the offices of the county clerk, the district clerk, the county judge and the sheriff.

The inspector's report shows everything in good shape, all accounts having been cared for in each of the above offices in business-like and accurate manner. The checking of the report against the records will probably be taken up during the last week in May and the time taken to do this will be but a few days.

TAXES COMING IN.

Treasurer Mullican reports that the purchasers of the certificates of taxes for 1914 are now remitting checks covering the taxes for 1915, upon the lands upon which these certificates were issued. These taxes will amount to between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and will be filed as an additional lien against the lands upon which the assessments were made.

OFFICIALS OF ROAD ON TOUR

General Manager Bourke, of the Rock Island, accompanied by a number of division superintendents, spent several hours in Chickasha today, coming by special train. From here the general manager and his party went to El Reno, completing the last lap of a tour of inspection which has covered the entire second district, comprising a territory from Caldwell, Kansas, to Dallas, Texas, on the north and south lines, and from Memphis, Tenn., to Tucumcari, New Mex., on the east and west lines, and all branch lines.

This trip has been made for the purpose of inspecting all tracks, all yards, pass tracks, switches, cross-overs in the second district, as well as to inspect the buildings at the different stations; the shops at different divisions; all equipment at different points in the district and the general condition of the company's property throughout the district.

C. L. Ruppert, superintendent of this division, with headquarters at El Reno, is one of the party.

While the shops and yards at Chickasha are always in apple-pie order and always kept the neatest and the cleanest possible, the Chickasha officials have gone every former effort one better in the matter of dolling up for the "brass collars" and it goes without saying that the division, the station, the shop at points in the second district which has presented a cleaner, a neater or a busier front to the officials than has Chickasha had to get up and go some. Roadmaster Moffat and Yardmaster Lynch, who are noted for keeping their yards and tracks in the finest condition possible have done work during the past few months in the matter of improvement that has surprised even themselves and if the inspectors on this trip should chance to be passing any bouquets around, these boys should come in for a whole carload of exotics in one consignment.

PROGRAM AT COLLEGE

Joining in a movement which is under way throughout the literary world, the Oklahoma College for Women will this evening celebrate the tercentenary of the passing of Shakespeare, presenting a program in which the four literary societies of the institution will participate. The public is cordially invited and there will be no charge for admission. The entertainment promises to be one of the best offered at the college this year. It will begin promptly at 8:15 and the program will be as follows:

(a) I know a Bank.
Midsommer Nights Dream
(b) Hark, Hark, the Lark—Cymbeline
Glee Club.
Address—Phanetia Frankfield
Twelfth Night—Act 1, Scene 1:
Duke—Bess Flowers
Vida—Grace Whatley
Twelfth Night—Act 1, Scene 4:
Viola—Grace Whatley
Olivia—Olive Robertson
Twelfth Night—Act 2, Scene 5:
Malvolio—Mary Thompson
Maria—Lone Ballew
Sir Andrew Aguecheek—
Olive Robertson
Sir Toby Belch—Bess Flowers
English Country Dance.
(a) Hey Boys.
(b) Mage on a Cree.

Alice Hunter, Ethel Hill, Esther Jones, Claudia Dobson, Beulah Copeland, Sissy Brown, Bess Harris, Marion Bradley.
Romeo and Juliet—Act 2, Scene 5:
Juliet—Ora Bixell
Nurse—Alice Hunter
Hamlet—Act 5, Scene 1:
1st Grave Digger—Verda Wood
2nd Grave Digger—Lone Ballew
Hamlet—Nessie McCrea
Horatio—Olive Robertson
Court Dance—Portland Payone.
Ruth Walcott, Mittle Wallace, Kate Madera, Irmgard Kloers, Katherine Quiley, J. De Brian.

Marchant of Venice—Act 5, Scene 1:
Portia—Olive Robertson
Shylock—Bess Flowers
Duke—Grace Whatley
Antonio—Nessie McCrea
Bassanio—Mary Thompson
Gratiano—Frances Hillman
Nerissa—Verda Wood

GERMANY TO SEEK BIG LOAN?

British Statistician Figures Kaiser Will Be Forced to Apply to Foreign Countries to Recoup Fortune After War

EXPENDITURES REACH STUPENDOUS SUM

Declares Signs Point to Financial Debacle in "Fatherland," Suggests Tariff to England to Preserve Balance of Economic System

(By Wilbur S. Forrest, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, April 1.—(By Mail.)—Juggling stupendous figures to show that Germany is in desperate financial straits, Edmond Crammond, well-known British statistician, declared that the Kaiser will be forced to seek a gigantic foreign loan at the conclusion of peace.

"This means, in effect," said Crammond, "that Germany will repudiate her internal war debt."

Germany's expenditures to date amount to about \$9,595,000, while her estimated national wealth in 1913 was about \$75,000,000,000.

"Germany's investments abroad amount to \$5,500,000,000 of which about \$750,000,000 have been sold in the United States and the remainder are unreliable. Germany's colonies are gone; her shipping industry is ruined."

"I do not believe Germany is living and fighting solely on what she is producing. She is living on the fat she has accumulated during the last forty years."

"The decline in the exchange value of the mark and the failures which are taking place among the large banks, despite frantic efforts of the government to keep the financial machine going, point to the approach of the greatest financial debacle the world has ever seen."

Turning to the British financial problem, Crammond asserted that a tariff for revenue purposes here is absolutely essential for the "preservation of the balance of our economic system."

He points to Britain's outlay, to date—\$5,920,000,000 including the gross expenditure and the loans to dominions, allies and repayments to the Bank of England, declaring:

"We overcame the financial difficulties of the first eighteen months of war with astounding ease, but the outlook for the coming financial year gives cause for anxiety."

Figuring in the newly established excess profit tax which he estimates will bring in about \$500,000,000, Crammond says that if the national income for the coming year should only reach a sum as estimated for the year ending March, 1916, the government's financial deficiency at the end of March, 1917, will be about \$4,890,000,000, "which makes a tariff for revenue imperative."

If the war lasts until March 31, 1917, the statistician estimates that the expenditures of the various allied powers approximately will be:

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| Belgium | \$ 2,500,000,000 |
| France | 12,500,000,000 |
| Great Britain | 13,000,000,000 |
| Italy | 2,500,000,000 |
| Russia | 12,000,000,000 |
| Servia-Montenegro | 500,000,000 |

Total \$43,000,000,000

As a measure of exacting a penalty on Germany for these expenditures, Crammond suggests that the allies should pool their indemnities and present them in a lump to Germany, also, that each allied power should undertake to impose:

"A war debt on all German and Austrian manufacturers."

"In addition," says Crammond, "the maritime powers should impose supplementary war debt dues on all German and Austrian shipping entering their ports in all parts of the world. The proceeds from these duties should be paid over by the allied powers to the war debt commission."

Dr. Antie is spending the day in Oklahoma City. He accompanied Dr. Penquite, who was taken to a hospital there today.